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Weather



THURSDAY  
Mostly cloudy then slight  
chance of snow

28  
24

Weather provided by National Weather Service.

Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records.

All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Feb. 2

An officer investigated a property damage collision near Morrill Hall.

**Mitchell Curtis Vanderveen**, 19, of 926 Hayward Ave Unit 9451, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

An individual reported being the victim of fraud.

An officer investigated a property damage collision near 13th Street and Haber Road.

An officer investigated a reckless driving incident near the Intramural Fields.

Feb. 3

**James Dale Clow**, 22, of 1415

5 Grand Ave Unit 201, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

An individual reported damage to a vehicle at Hamilton Hall.

An officer investigated a property damage collision at the Beef Teaching Farm.

**Eric Steven Bruellman**, 18, of 926 Hayward Ave Unit 4424, was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Mahammed Albert Nasser**, 19, of 917 Welch Ave Unit 2325, was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct.

Police investigate stabbing

By Alex.Connor  
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Delancey Smith Jr., 32, has been arrested in the stabbing of an individual on Mayfield Drive, according to the Ames Police Department.

At 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Ames Police responded to a call in regard to the stabbing.

Smith was charged with being armed with intent, a Class D felony, and assault while displaying

a dangerous weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Jason Tuttle, investigations commander with the Ames Police Department, said that this was most likely a family dispute.

He said when the officers arrived, they found the victim in the parking lot, and the suspect had run back into the building.

Officers then went inside the building and took the suspect into custody. However, both the victim and the suspect were taken to the hospital.

The victim, 42, and a cousin of the suspect, was stabbed on the left side near his hip. Tuttle said the victim sustained a mild injury.

The victim went to the suspect's apartment and got into first a verbal altercation that led to a physical altercation outside in the parking lot, Tuttle said.

The stabbing was reported at 1:55 p.m. Thursday off campus on Mayfield Drive, according to the ISU Police Department twitter account.

Digital Content

NEWS

Stu Gov election timeline

Student Government will resume its election schedule for the election of a new Senate and executive cabinet. Find out how you can get involved through the time line on the app.

SPORTS

Cyclone Hockey heads to Illinois

Cyclone Hockey will travel to Bensenville, Ill., this weekend for the first time in two months and face off against Robert Morris. Find the story online under sports.

SPORTS

Swimming, diving honors seniors

The ISU swim and dive team will honor seniors before the Big 12 Championships this weekend. Find the story online.

SPORTS

Gymnastics won first home meet

The gymnastics team won its first home meet this season and will try to carry the momentum this weekend. Find out more online.

SPORTS

Women's basketball takes on Texas

The women's basketball team played Texas on Thursday night. Find out how they did through the brief online.

GAMES

Quiz: This week in review

Did you pay attention to the news this week around the nation? Test your knowledge through the quiz online.

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Calendar

All events courtesy of the ISU events calendar.

Feb. 5

**Retirement reception: John Larson**  
From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 0162 General Services Building

John Larson, Facilities Planning and Management, is retiring from the university after nearly 36 years of service. A program will begin at 2 p.m.

**Friday Night PYOP: Valentine's Day Gifts**  
From 5 to 8 p.m. in the Work-space at the Iowa State Memorial Union

We will show you the basics of Paint Your Own Pottery, and then we will fire it within a week for you to come pick up.

Studio fee is \$4 for ISU and \$5 for public to attend plus the cost of the bisque you select.

Talent show to take place Friday, Saturday at MU

By Michaela.Ramm  
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The semi-finals for Varieties — Iowa State University's own student talent show — will take place Friday and Saturday.

The show will take place at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Great Hall

of the Memorial Union. Varieties, put on by the Student Union Board, is celebrating its 85th year.

The final round for the event will take place Feb. 19 and 20.

Performances for Varieties "consist of 16-20 minute 'mini-musicals' that are performed with original lyrics and choreography,"

according to the ISU events calendar

Students can also perform shorter "vignettes," which can be any talent the student chooses to showcase, including stand-up comedy, dancing or singing.

To learn more about Varieties, visit sub.iastate.edu.

Kohl's VP to speak on campus

By Brittany.Moon  
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Mark Leslie, the vice president of Kohl's, will speak Monday on Iowa

State's campus.

Leslie will speak from 11 a.m. to noon in the Gerdin building, room 3164.

The title of the lecture is "How to Create Innova-

tive Ideas and Think Like an Entrepreneur." With experience in business and fashion, Leslie's lecture can be appealing to many students.

SNAPSHOT



Lani Tons/Iowa State Daily

STUDENT BRAINSTORMS IDEAS FOR CYPower

Carlyn Hill, senior in industrial engineering, wrote ideas for the future of CyPower, a club that promotes energy as a source of power, during its meeting Wednesday. The organization also works to better protect Iowa State, Ames and the surrounding area from the potential of a massive cyber attack.

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# 5 events to know from this week’s news

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Miss the news this week? Read our recap of the biggest stories below, then test your knowledge with our news quiz online.

## Cruz, Clinton come out on top in Iowa Caucus

Ted Cruz made it look easy, while Hillary Clinton narrowly defeated Bernie Sanders in the closest Democratic caucus in history Monday.

Cruz topped Donald Trump, who look poised to win based off of the Des Moines Register/Bloomberg Politics Iowa Poll, by more than 5,000 votes. The race was called early in the night by 9:30 p.m.

Marco Rubio had a strong third-place showing, coming in just behind Trump. ISU political experts agreed Tuesday at a forum in the Memorial Union that Rubio has some momentum going into New Hampshire next week.

On the Democratic side, the race between Clinton and Sanders went late into the night, as a handful of precincts took awhile to report. By noon Tuesday, the Iowa Democratic Party announced that Clinton received 700.5, while Sanders received 696.82.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley and former Arkansas Gov. Mike



Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz, left, speaks Monday night in Des Moines, Iowa, after winning the Republican Iowa Caucus. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, right, speaks to supporters Monday at the Olmsted Center at Drake University after winning the Democratic Caucus.

Huckabee dropped out of the race on caucus night. U.S. Sen. Rand Paul and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum dropped out of the race Tuesday.

## Warren Madden retiring after nearly 50 years

Warren Madden, vice president for business and finance, is retiring after nearly 50 years at Iowa State University.

Leath made the announcement of Madden’s retirement during the first half of the men’s basketball game against West Virginia on Tuesday at Hilton Coliseum. The university

president later followed the announcement with a statement on his Twitter account.

Madden’s retirement will be effective June 30, 2016.

Madden received his bachelor of science degree from Iowa State in industrial engineering in 1961, according to the ISU Alumni Association. He then went on to earn an MBA from the University of Chicago before eventually returning to Ames.

## West Virginia tops Iowa State in Ames

The Cyclones built a

15-point lead during the first 10 minutes of their game against the Mountaineers on Tuesday, but once the game was over, West Virginia had rallied back, beating Iowa State, 81-76.

“This was a tough loss, a frustrating loss,” said ISU coach Steve Prohm. “We played really well, especially in the first half. Foul trouble negated a lot of good things. They figured out how to get back, and we didn’t close the game well. We’ve got to get better than this.”

West Virginia handed

Iowa State its second home loss of the season and second loss in a row.

“We just got out-toughed,” said forward Georges Niang. “When it came down to making plays and making toughness plays, they just out-toughed us.”

## Legal marijuana sales grow to \$5.4 Billion in 2015

The growing market of marijuana in the United States continued to grow this past year — \$5.4 billion in legal pot was sold in 2015, up from \$4.6 billion in 2014, according to a review released by the ArcView

Group. The New York Times reported Thursday that demand is expected to remain strong this year, with a forecast of \$6.7 billion in legal sales in 2016.

“There is still a certain stigma around it,” Brandy Keen, co-founder of Surna, which makes technology for indoor cultivation, told the Times. “This is an industry that came out of the basement. It grew out of closets and basements and hidden facilities in cinder-block buildings.”

By the end of the decade, legal market sales were forecast to be \$21.8 billion, according to the report.

## Iowa State announces spring enrollment

If you thought campus was crowded last semester, you should be happy with the enrollment number Iowa State announced Thursday morning — although it does break another enrollment record for the spring.

Enrollment for the spring semester reached 33,659 students, down 2,342 from the fall enrollment, which was 36,001 students. The number announced Thursday sets a new record for spring enrollment, up 865 from last year.

*The Daily’s Michaela Ramm contributed to this section.*

# Diversifying Iowa crops

## Scientists urge farmers to try new product

By Katlyn.Campbell  
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A new study shows that despite a constant input into some Iowa farmland, farmers aren’t receiving yields in crop growth.

Through the study conducted by ISU professors and researchers, they plan to target the areas where farmers can’t improve their yields with common agronomic practices.

Elke Brandes, postdoctoral research associate in agronomy was the lead author of the study, with contributor Lisa Schulte Moore, associate professor of natural resource ecology and management and Science-based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips, or STRIPS, researcher.

“The main metric that has been used in terms of farm success over time has been yield, but the inputs used in corn and soybean farming are very costly and so what we’re suggesting ... that the main metric should be profitability ... whether the farmers are actually getting a financial gain,” Schulte Moore said.

Schulte Moore said some farmland has better profitability compared to others, which drag on the overall finances of the farm. This is because of the soil



Farming plays a big role in Iowa's economy, supplying food and jobs in many different sections of work, but many farmers struggle with getting crops to grow in sections of their land that have less appropriate soil.

content, she added. “Basically, on some areas, the soil or organic matter is really good or there’s high nutrient value and has really good water-holding capacity during drier time periods,” Schulte Moore said.

Schulte Moore used an analogy to make this concept easier to understand. “Not every single person has equal strength,” she said. “Some of us are stronger than others and some of us can do lots of exercise to improve our strength ... some of us can do lots of exercise but we’re probably not going to get all that much stronger.”

The idea is to encourage farmers to stop inputs into acres where they won’t recoup their cost and instead ship those acres into lower cost perennial cover crops such as brome, switchgrass or miscanthus. “They can potentially

improve their profitability and at the same time address some of the other challenges we have with agriculture today,” Schulte Moore said.

Brandes said there is a huge problem with today’s agriculture and how fields are managed today.

The Midwest has an industrialized agriculture contributing to the pollution of our world, Brandes said. One problem Brandes pointed out is the leaching of nutrients from the fields into surface waters and down through the Mississippi River into the Gulf of Mexico, where algae blooms are formed that kill fish because of less oxygen in the water.

“The eyes are on the Midwest ... where that actually happens,” Brandes said.

Further data needs to be collected to provide a potential solutions for this.

However, one way to better manage fields sustainably is by seeding this unprofitable land into high diversity vegetation such as prairie, and to get government support through the Conservation Reserve Program, which would potentially recoup profitability for farmers, Brandes said.

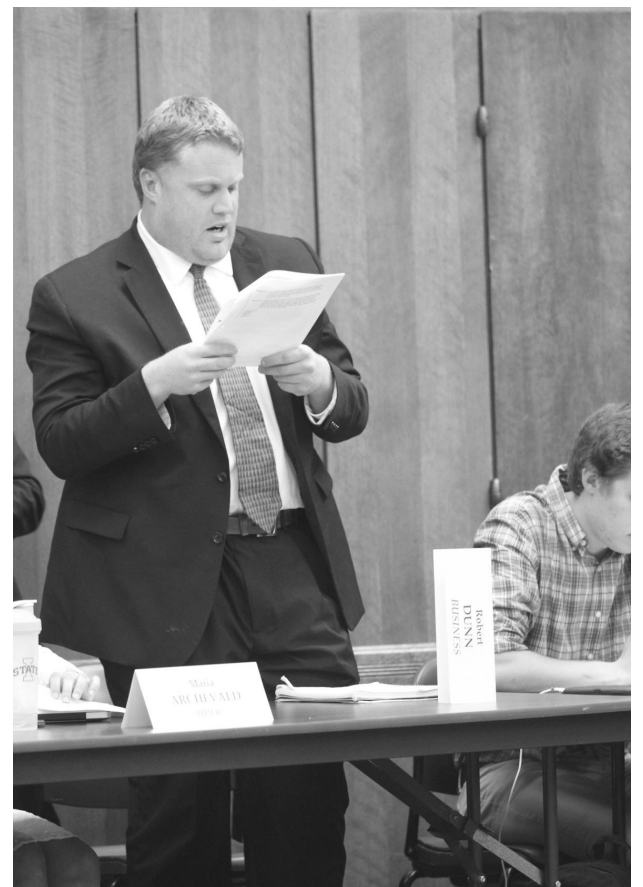
Schulte Moore said she hopes farmers will consider devoting this unprofitable land to provide habitat for wildlife.

Schulte Moore said they’ll be careful not to attract wildlife that would be a detriment to the farmer’s crop production. By planting diversified native plants, crop production could actually benefit. These plants would provide habitat for natural enemies: insects that eat other insects.

“The potential is there that those kinds of insects would provide a boost to famers in terms of reducing the number of crop pests and improving the pollination of a crop like soybean that would improve overall yield for a farmer,” Schulte Moore said.

Brandes agrees that by having these diverse prairies, crops would benefit along with wildlife, such as the monarch butterfly that is in decline, through the expansion of habitats for different species.

The only thing standing in the way now is showing these farmers the evidence that this kind of sustainable agriculture could benefit them and the environment.



Sarah Muller/Iowa State Daily  
Student Government Sen. Robert Dunn, senior in accounting, speaks during the Student Government meeting Oct. 14. Student Government is currently preparing for its annual elections.

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a survey company that has been used in the past by the university. Qualtrics will send each student a unique link through email that they can access and then use to vote without having to log in.

An election kickoff rally will take place Feb. 18 for students to learn about candidates and Student Government elections, once again as part of a big push to get students to vote.

Student Government

is made up of elected officials, whose duty it is to meet with university administrators and officials to meet the needs of students.

The elections are key to the process, it’s how the leaders get selected, Rodgers said.

“It’s really important we get the right people with the right motivation,” Rodgers said. “People with energy and people who have really good leadership qualities in the right positions to make a difference on campus.”

# ‘The Homestretch’ brings light to homelessness

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ISU students had a unique opportunity to see firsthand what it is like to be homeless.

A documentary, which follows homeless teenagers, was shown in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, and was followed by a discussion.

“The Homestretch,” which follows three homeless teenagers, Roque, Kasey and Anthony, all from Chicago was shown Thursday night. Two of the teens,

Anthony and Kasey, live in the Teen Living Program, while Roque lives in the home of one of his teachers.

The documentary was brought to Iowa State by Lisa Larson, assistant in University Student Ministry with the Collegiate United Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation, and Emma Christianson, development coordinator at the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers.

“I heard a lot about it, and it was shown at Reggie’s. And I talked to some students and there was a lot of excitement about it,”

Larson said.

Larson and Christianson know firsthand how many children and teenagers are homeless. They hope that seeing this documentary will make people want to go out and do something positive for others.

“It is real,” Christianson said. “They’re just like any other homeless kid we find in Des Moines.”

The documentary has been shown around the country, including Drake University. Larson worked with the Lectures Program and had to coordinate with the company that produced

the film, Spargel Productions, in order to be able to show the film.

Larson said her hope for the film was “to show what some different people are going through, to raise awareness and to get people involved.”

While the lives of these teenagers have undoubtedly been difficult, they are among the lucky ones who have been given a second chance.

The documentary follows the three as they attempt to overcome their past and strive for a better future. Despite their hard-

ships, the teens stay positive.

Christianson said during the discussion that there are a variety of programs in central Iowa to help youth who need somewhere to go. They can get a shower, eat a meal and receive a variety of services. They also get help with continuing their education and finding a job.

Christianson said it’s difficult to work with homeless youth and it can be difficult to see their challenges.

“It’s the youth ... I get to share the stories of the youth to the community ... being able to be their voice

is what keeps me going,” he said.

The documentary was well received by students. Alexa Terrington, sophomore in criminal justice and sociology, said the film made her want to go out and help others. She was also impressed by how positive the youth stayed during the challenge of their everyday life.

“It made me very appreciative of the life I have and how much I’m taking for granted when the kids are working so hard for things that I have,” Terrington said.



Sudoku

by the Mepham Group





Eliza Sibley/Iowa State Daily  
A caucus staffer attempts to organize ISU students waiting to caucus Monday night in the Pioneer Room of the Memorial Union. Columnist Heckle believes separating individuals into groups by which candidate they support and then taking a head count is an unfair and inaccurate process for the Iowa caucuses.

# A broken system

## Iowa must adopt more accurate nomination process

By Michael Heckle  
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As Iowa begins to cool from its heated political attention, questions raised about the accuracy and fairness of the Iowa Caucuses bring into light the flaws of this archaic nomination system. Iowa is one of only a few states that continues the practice of caucusing, which was started by presidential candidate Andrew Jackson in the early 1820s. While most states moved over to a primary election system in 1972 as a more efficient means of choosing delegates, 13 states — including Iowa — have chosen to stay with this inefficient and blatantly broken system.

Caucuses themselves raise questions on the very nature of public discourse. With social advertising campaigns promoting bumper sticker politics, the foundation of this democracy rests in the hands of those politically aware enough to seek the truth. In theory, caucusing provides more of an opportunity to come together as a community to discuss political issues and their relationships to current candidates.

However, public discourse isn't something that should be reserved for one night. Moreover, it's a bas-

tardization of the ideals of democracy to believe that one can accurately describe the multitude of issues facing the country in just a six-hour time period. Public discourse should be an everyday occurrence among citizens of all political parties and affiliations.

The issue of public discourse, however, is not immediately addressed by simply switching to a primary system. The attitudes of Americans must change if we wish to have a truly educated populous. Yet, the flaws in the caucus system are in no way justified by the system's feeble attempts to create intelligent discussion.

As we can clearly see from this most recent caucus, the system's major flaw comes from its most basic function — deciding who wins the nomination. With accusations of cheating and fraud coming from both parties, but were clearly emphasized by the left, questions about the effectiveness of a caucus to accurately represent the population must be raised.

It's no secret that Iowa's caucus is one of the most important processes in selecting delegates. However, this seems to be without actual reason. Iowa, in general, is not very representative of the nation. We have a smaller population per capita and an abundant rural population. Its importance simply comes for its position as the first state to host such an event.

Yet, the problems of a caucus system have been made extremely clear after this first round of nominations. One of the main problems, as I attempted to describe previously, is the

representation of the nation's interest. Because of the lengthy duration of the caucuses, there is a much smaller turnout than most primary elections. Even with the idea of public discourse being upheld — or, in the very least, attempting to be — what good is an election system that doesn't represent the interest of the people?

Organizations within different caucus locations, at least on the Democratic side, are, in the most forgiving terms, extremely subpar. Since they are hosted by volunteers in community spaces such as school gyms and churches, caucuses tend to be loud and chaotic. The final tally is conducted by separating individuals into groups by who they support and taking a head count. It's shocking that, with all of our technical advancements and more accurate systems already in place, the final count for one of the most important nominations for the most powerful position in the free world comes down to the equivalence of third grade classroom attendance — not to mention the practice of a coin toss in a tie.

The issues that could be caused by this inaccurate and archaic nomination system are not merely hypothetical. With accusations of cheating and voter fraud aimed directly at the Clinton campaign, the flaws of the caucus system are being exemplified in real life. It's time for Iowa, and other states like it, to grow up and adopt more accurate nomination systems if we want to continue to play such a crucial role in the presidential elections going forward.

# Classroom education fails to do its job

By Angelica Lawson  
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Something everyone has heard about during college is how vital it is to be hireable after college, being attractive to employers and building your résumé. It is driven into everyone's mind from day one of their higher education experience that you have to possess skills that are marketable to future employers.

As graduation season approaches, there are more and more conversations about job postings and who's hiring. Have you ever noticed what the preferred experience level is?

Many entry-level jobs request or require years of experience in order to be considered for the job. How are recent college graduates supposed to have years of job experience for something they've spent the last several years studying to do? They've been in school getting an education; why should employers be able to expect new post-grad students to have years of knowledge related to this specific field?

These situations drive the question plaguing students, "How can I gain experience if I am being turned away from jobs for not having enough experience?"

Plain and simple, it is frustrating. An entry-level job is created for people who are in the pursuit of experience and are just starting out. Requiring experience beyond the scope of being a student seems unfair in a way because it makes it seem like being a student is not enough anymore. Employers and experts alike

do not deny the existence of this bias. They explain the need for more experienced employees as a generational fact, but our generation — Generation Y, millennials — are "syllabused."

Syllabused — "syllabus abused" — is a newly coined term that means students are told what they are going to do and how they are going to learn to apply those concepts. Constantly being told what you have to do and having a timeline of dates set for you is limiting in the building of independent decision-making and reasoning skills.

A study by the Council for Aid to Education in which 32,000 students were surveyed found that 40 percent of college seniors fail to graduate with the complex reasoning skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

How can you combat being syllabused? If you are unable to gain professional experience you have to volunteer your time.

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience without having to make a major commitment. You can volunteer when you have time in your schedule, and understand that there is no risk of being "fired" if you cannot be there every day.

Having volunteer experience on your résumé proves that you take initiative and are able to make career building decisions.

Make sure you have internship experiences. Go above the required and strive to have an internship each year. Internships provide great opportunities to gain the skills and experience employers look for without having to compromise during the



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Columnist Lawson argues that colleges need to do a better job of teaching skills and providing hands-on learning experiences to students.

school year.

Students ultimately have to be willing to fill the skills gap between what they are being taught in class and what employers are looking for in potential employees until there is a clearer communication between what is being taught in the classroom and what is being desired by employers.

This is not to say that the skills and hands-on learning experiences you get in the classroom are worthless; there's just a need for more. Employers want employees they don't have to train. Going into a job interview situation and having any form of experience is going to set you ahead.

The need for a strong résumé that conveys how well you are able to make decisions, get experience, know how to reason within complex situations and your ability work well in group settings is more important than ever. The competition in the job

market is high, and you have to be able to prove that you are worth their time before you even say hello.

The amount of stress students feel in their final semesters is mind blowing. First, you're graduating; second, you have student loan payments due in six months; third, you need to get a job. There is not much else you can do except power through, get what experience you can and have an amazing résumé that expresses you as an individual and highlights the qualities that people are looking for.

Those directing higher education need to figure out ways to educate without letting a syllabus control what and how students learn to truly produce job market-ready graduates with the ability to reason for themselves. But until then, it falls on the shoulders of students to search outside of the classroom to become viable in the search for a career.

## EDITORIAL



Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons  
The Stanford band had members dress up as a dancing cow before the band got into a frowning farmer formation at the Rose Bowl.

## Stanford apology bill uncalled for

When one thinks about the Iowa Senate and the work it does, topics that immediately come to mind are the economy, agriculture or the education system in Iowa. These are all things that directly impact anyone living in this great state, so using Senate time and its resources are clearly warranted.

However, one topic has been introduced as of late and has nothing to do with Iowans, but instead with college students who make up the Stanford University band.

As you may recall, the Iowa Hawkeyes got their you-know-what handed to them at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 by the Stanford Cardinal. While the pitiful matchup caught a lot of people's attention, so did the actions put forth by the Stanford marching band. Stanford is known to go a bit overboard when it comes to its performances, but this instance added insult to injury for Iowa fans.

The band had a few of its members dress up as a dancing cow, and during its halftime show, which ESPN cut away from during its broadcast of the game, the band got into a frowning farmer formation.

In the moment, Iowans, fans of the Hawkeyes or not, were upset by their stunt. However, as time wore on, the offense seems to have fallen off of the public's radar screen. That is, except for that of Sen. Mark Chelgren, R-Ottumwa.

Chelgren has proposed a bill to the Senate regarding the actions of the Stanford band, saying until Stanford officials apologize publicly to Iowans for condoning the band's behavior, none of the three major public universities in Iowa will be allowed to work with Stanford on anything. Well, everything except more football games. In what world does that idea have any logic since the issue started at a football game?

The words tragically immature come to mind when thinking about this proposal because if it were to come to fruition it would deprive all four universities, Stanford included, of a relationship that has had a positive impact on education in years past. But perhaps the worst part is that relationship would have ended from something as trivial as a football game.

Thinking about it in more depth, there really is no overwhelmingly positive outcome from this bill because the cost greatly outweighs the benefits, and the Senate should understand that. However, if it doesn't see that factor, then perhaps it will see that it has mountains of other things to which it should turn its attention.

The United States will elect its next president this year, and the implications the election will have on Iowans should top the petty apology demand being made by a man who's holding a grudge far too tightly.

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# Cyclones learning valuable lessons

## Loss to West Virginia warrants wake-up call

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The college basketball season is a long, winding road with twists and turns and peaks and valleys. Back-to-back losses are never ideal, but Iowa State (16-6, 5-4 Big 12) is mostly shrugging those losses off as learning experiences and trying to move forward as a team.

“Obviously I want to get out there and win every game,” said forward Georges Niang. “But I feel like there is a lesson we can take out of every loss we’ve had.”

Iowa State was pummeled on the boards against West Virginia, and Niang knows it. Niang had two rebounds, McKay had four rebounds and Nader had five rebounds against a team that is known for its ability to crash the boards.

Knowing what West Virginia was going to try to do and not taking it away is unacceptable, Niang said.

“You just can’t get punked on the boards for 40 minutes to a team that that’s how they score, that’s how they make their living,” Niang said. “So I think what we’re learning is to take away other team’s strengths and make sure they don’t take away ours.”

Niang understands the ebbs and flows of a college basketball season as a senior. He’s been through the peaks and the valleys and understands it’s all a part of the process. Niang knows that his team will be just fine, despite back-to-back losses, and he’s clearly not panicking on certain issues the team faces, at least not when asked about them by media members Thursday.

He was asked about Iowa State’s rebounding woes and how the team can improve in that area.

“We bring out boxing gloves and we just fight each other; that’s how you get better at rebounding,” Niang joked.

On a more serious note, the back-to-back losses

### GAME INFO

No. 13 Iowa State (16-6, 5-4) vs. Oklahoma State (11-11, 2-7)

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 6 | 1 p.m.

**Where:** Stillwater, Okla.

**Watch:** ESPN2

**Talent:** Jon Sciambi (PxP), Fran Fraschilla (Color)

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and Chris Wolff (@HashtagChriss) on Twitter for updates.



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Redshirt sophomore guard Hallice Cooke, top, positions himself on defense against West Virginia on Tuesday at Hilton Coliseum. Junior guard Monté Morris, right, shoots the ball over a WVU defender. The Cyclones lost their second consecutive game against West Virginia on Tuesday, but will try to get back on track against Oklahoma State on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

don’t seem to be weighing on Niang’s mind.

“Basketball is basketball,” Niang said. “You lace up your shoes, you go out there and play. We did that and we got beat. Did we play to the best of our abilities? No. But there is a good amount of the season left where we can go prove what we can do and how good of a team we are.”

The Big 12 and the NCAA are both wide open with a lot of capable teams, but none that have stood above the rest. At 16-6 overall and 5-4 in the Big 12, the Cyclones feel good about where they are in relation to where they want to be at the end of the season.

It’s not about the wins and losses in early February or late January as much as it is about lessons learned and becoming better prepared for postseason play. ISU coach Steve Prohm said he’s been trying to reiterate the big picture all season.

“I know in my heart, I believe we’ll get to where we need to be,” Prohm said. “Now, how many Big 12 regular season wins that is? I don’t know. This league is extremely tough, and the margin for error is very, very thin.”

That’s something Iowa State has learned all too well in conference play. Iowa

State’s four Big 12 losses have been by an average of just more than four points.

“We’d rather not take losses, but like I said, we just got to learn from every loss we take and just take the positives and run with it,” said forward Jameel McKay.

When you really look at it, Iowa State is only a few bad possessions away from beating West Virginia and Baylor at home. That would presumably shift the conversation away from the negatives.

“It’s just the one or two losses that kind of stick in your gut,” Prohm said.

A few losses in a row and a few lessons learned, but Iowa State is looking forward now. The Cyclones have taken their lumps, and frankly, they know they’re going to be just fine.

“It hurts right now,” said Monté Morris. “But if we’re cutting the nets down in Houston, we aren’t going to remember this situation.”



# ISU wrestling revisits tough UNI environment

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The five senses all come into play at Northern Iowa’s West Gym. It’s dark, it’s hot, it’s sweaty, it’s loud, and the last time ISU wrestling traveled to West Gym to wrestle UNI, it tasted like victory for the Panthers.

In 2014, the Panthers beat the Cyclones for the first time since 2004. The Cyclones hold the all-time series against the Panthers, 56-17, so when the Panthers won in 2014, they made sure the Cyclones knew about it.

Does ISU wrestling’s 165-pound Tanner Weatherman remember the showboating after the 24-13 UNI victory?

“Absolutely,” Weatherman said. “They did kind of showboat on us a little bit. They had a good team that year, so give them credit where credit is due, but to disrespect us like that. Something is always going to kind of stick with you, definitely as a program for sure.”

In 2015, ISU coach Kevin Jackson said Northern Iowa acted like it won the national championship after every Panther arm was raised in victory.

Iowa State got its revenge last season at Hilton Coliseum, defeating UNI, but it will travel back to Cedar Falls at 7 p.m. Friday in an attempt to get a positive outcome.

“We’re not someone



Emily Blobaum/Iowa State Daily  
Redshirt senior Tanner Weatherman wrestles Central Michigan’s Jordan Atienza at 165 pounds Jan. 31 at Hilton Coliseum. Weatherman would go on to win his match 9-3. Weatherman and Iowa State will next take on Northern Iowa on Friday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

you can disrespect and get a way with it,” Weatherman said. “We are going to smack you back in the mouth. I don’t expect anything less than that.”

Weatherman will wrestle fellow top-15 wrestler Cooper Moore. He pinned Moore earlier this season at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational.

“If Tanner goes out there to score points, and dominates and wrestles the way he’s capable of wrestling, he’s going to be fine,” Jackson said.

It won’t be easy, however, because of the venue — West Gym.

Weatherman said West Gym is smaller than his high school gym at Ballard High School in Huxley, Iowa. Even though it’s small, the UNI fans make enough noise to compensate.

But Weatherman embraces the raucous atmosphere.

“It’s a fun atmosphere. Everyone’s rooting against you,” Weatherman said. “You have the target on your back. You’re the enemy. They all hate your guts, screaming at you, stalling, this and that. I embrace it. It’s a fun atmosphere, and I think it’s a good place to test your mind mentally for

the national tournament.”

While Weatherman will embrace the revenge factor, 133-pound Earl Hall will remain composed.

“[Coach Jackson] told me not to get into the hype, so I’ll just wrestle my match,” Hall said. “Walk out onto the mat, smile, shake his hand, walk off the mat and be calm about it.”

In between smiling and shaking his opponent’s hand, No. 8 Hall will wrestle No. 15 Josh Alber. Hall holds a 2-0 record against Alber in his career.

“I’m not really worried about what he has,” Hall said. “I feel like he doesn’t

have much of an offense. If I let him control the pace, then I lose but if I just go out there and wrestle, then I’ll dominate.”

ISU wrestling’s 125-pound wrestler, Kyle Larson, has never made the trip to West Gym, but he’s heard plenty about it.

“They all say it’s just super hot, a really compact, small gym,” Larson said. “There’s a lot of fans there, it’s loud. But like [coach Jackson] was just saying, ‘Yeah, it’s a hostile environment, but would you rather go somewhere and wrestle in a cold gym, or would you rather wrestle somewhere

### MATCH INFO

**Who:** Northern Iowa vs. No. 17 Iowa State

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday

**Where:** West Gym  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

in a hot gym?’ We’d rather wrestle in a hot gym.”

Larson will have a tough task a head of him. He’ll wrestle No. 7 Dylan Peters.

Larson said Peters has a bread and butter move that leads to pins. Larson has been working on that position in practice, making sure to avoid getting caught on his back. Larson isn’t just trying to avoid the pin, he’s trying to get the upset.

“I just have to get to his legs,” Larson said. “He’s injured, he’s injured pretty good.”

So I think the key for me is to wrestle hard for seven minutes, stay on him, keep attacking and just be aware of that one move. That’ll give myself the best chance to win.”

UNI boasts a roster with five ranked wrestlers. However, Jackson thinks his team matches up well.

“We know what the matchups are,” Jackson said. “We feel like we should be favored in quite a few matches. But again, you have to go out there and you have to make it happen.”



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